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FISCAL IMPACT STATEMENT

LS 7589

BILL NUMBER: SB 353

NOTE PREPARED: Jan 11, 2003

BILL AMENDED:

SUBJECT: Traffic Control Signals near High Schools.

FIRST AUTHOR: Sen. Hershman

FIRST SPONSOR:

BILL STATUS: As Introduced

FUNDS AFFECTED: **GENERAL**
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 FEDERAL

IMPACT: State & Local

Summary of Legislation: This bill requires the Department of Transportation (INDOT) to erect a traffic control signal in the vicinity of a high school on a state highway in Carroll or Jasper County if: (1) the school corporation that maintains the high school; (2) the local policing agency; and (3) the executive of the local political subdivision, jointly petition INDOT for erection of the traffic control signal. Requires the corporation to pay 50% of the total cost of erecting the traffic control signal. It allows the corporation to use capital project fund money to pay the corporation's share of the cost.

Effective Date: July 1, 2003.

Explanation of State Expenditures: There are four high schools in Carroll and Jasper Counties, three of which have direct access onto a state highway. The property of a fourth high school is known to abut a state highway, but with no direct highway access. The bill provides that if the school corporation, the local policing authority, and the executive of the political subdivision that contains the high school jointly petition INDOT for a traffic signal, INDOT would be responsible for half of the cost, and the school district responsible for the other half. INDOT estimates that the total cost to erect one new traffic signal is about \$70,000; half the cost would be \$35,000. The specific fiscal impact will depend upon local actions.

[If all three high schools with direct access to a state highway were to request that a stoplight be erected, the total cost would be about \$210,000. The exposure to the state, through INDOT, for these schools would be \$105,000.]

Explanation of State Revenues:

Explanation of Local Expenditures: The bill provides that INDOT is responsible for half of the cost of

a new traffic signal, and the school district is responsible for the other half. According to INDOT, half the cost for one traffic signal would be \$35,000. The bill allows the school corporation to use capital project fund money to pay the corporation's share of the cost. The specific impact to school corporations will depend upon local actions.

Explanation of Local Revenues:

State Agencies Affected: Department of Transportation.

Local Agencies Affected: School districts which request a stoplight to be erected at a school located on a state highway.

Information Sources: INDOT estimates; Department of Education.

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